Empowering women

2565. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of any serious measures in empowering women and educating them about their rights, in the light of legion incident of harassments against women, the latest being the case of an IAS Officer (employment generation and training department Commissioner) in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Apart from the existing laws and programmes to protect the rights of women and for their empowerment and creating awareness amongst women, the Government is considering enactment of a law to provide for prevention and redressal of sexual harassment of women at workplace.

Juvenile Justice Act in Assam

2566. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the print media regarding Juvenile Justice Act yet to be implemented in Assam; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the Child Observation Centres in Assam and other States of North East are run on lines laid down in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, and to see that Children in the Observation Centres are kept in proper conditions to rejuvenate their future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry